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(SBU) Prime Minister Balkenende said the Netherlands will begin drawing down its 1600-member contingent - currently stationed in Uruzgan province - in August 2010. The Netherland's coalition government collapsed February 20 when the Labor Party and Balkenende's Christian Democratic Alliance disagreed over the country's commitment in Afghanistan.

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